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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/241,347
Title: *Animals Transgenic For A Tetracycline-Regulated Transcriptional Inhibitor*
Inventors: Hermann Bujard and Manfred Gossen
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Dear Sir:

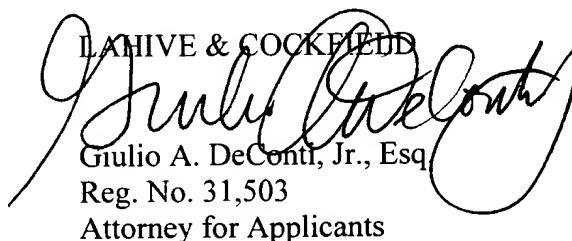
This is in response to the request by the Examiner for a copy of the Amendment and Response filed in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 1999.

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. A copy of the Amendment and Response and related paperwork previously filed on December 8, 1999, including Appendices A-K and Attachments A and B;
2. A copy of the return receipt postcard date-stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the Amendment and Response was received on December 13, 1999; and
3. A prepaid acknowledgement postcard.

Please charge any necessary fees and credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 4) dated July 8, 1999. A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the specification:

At page 1, line 7, under the heading "Related Applications", please delete lines 7-14, and insert the following: